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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows.

**In the specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 22-24, with the following replacement paragraph:

G. **Figure 4** shows Northern blot analysis of total RNA isolated from normal or atrophying mouse muscle due to food deprivation, and probed with a full-length murine atrophin-1 cDNA. mRNA for atrophin-1 is specifically expressed in muscle, where its expression is markedly increased by food deprivation.